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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of Team B, Soviet Strategic Policies  
and Objectives, 2 December 1976

1. Attendees:

Richard Pipes  
Daniel Graham  
Paul Nitze  
Thomas Wolfe  
Paul Wolfowitz

2. Pipes opened the meeting with some brief remarks on the possibility of declassifying the Team B report and then read a memorandum from Richard Lehman which rejected the declassification option. Pipes said that he would urge PFIAB to make the Team B report available to as large an audience as possible. If his appeal to PFIAB were rejected, he suggested that the team members could meet to discuss other alternatives. He mentioned as one possibility the publication of articles on the general subject of the Team B report without reference to classified information. He said that large parts of the Team B report contain no classified information and therefore publication is a valid option. Pipes also raised the possibility of using the Freedom of Information Act to get the report into the public domain. Graham said he thought that this was an unrealistic approach.

To prevent unauthorized declassification of sensitive sections of the report, Graham said that he felt it would be advisable to declassify the report as far as possible.

Wolfowitz said that he feared that selective leaks, which distort the true character of the report, would be used to discredit the Team B effort. He suggested classifying the report by paragraph to allow publication of unclassified sections. Graham noted that DIA followed this procedure and Pipes expressed interest in this approach. Suda commented

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that CIA does not normally follow this procedure and discussion of this option was dropped. Wolfowitz then suggested that Part III of the report, which he said contains no classified information, should be declassified and published as a separate document.

Nitze suggested that the Team write separate papers on the topics covered in the report but at a lower classification (Confidential to Secret) to ensure a wider audience.

Pipes suggested that further discussion of this subject be postponed until the Team had an opportunity to discuss its concern with PFIAB.

3. The members discussed some minor changes in the Team report and reviewed Graham's draft of the recommendations.

/s/  
Donald J. Suda

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